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BEGIN SUMMARY: EMBASSY BECOMING INCREASINGLY DUBIOUS AGREE-
MENTS ON EXTENSION NASA STATION AND AID RAILROAD LOAN WILL BE
CONCLUDED BEFORE END FY-74 BECAUSE GOMR HAS NOT YET GIVEN SIGNAL
TO RECOMMENCE NASA STATION NEGOTIATIONS. REQUEST (A) AUTH-
ORIZATION PAY FROM FY-74 FUNDS NASA RENTAL OF \$100,000 EACH
FOR YEARS 1973 AND 1974 AGAINST WRITTEN GOMR RECEIPT THAT PAYMENTS
ARE FOR LEASE OF LAND FOR OPERATION NASA STATION DURING THESE
TWO YEARS, AND (B) CONFIRMATION THAT FY-74 AID FUNDS WILL CONTINUE
BE AVAILABLE IN FY-75 TO ENABLE CONCLUSION OF RAILROAD LOAN
AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. GOMR HAS STILL NOT GIVEN EMBASSY SIGNAL TO RECOMMENCE NASA
STATION NEGOTIATIONS, DESPITE STATEMENT BY MINISTER TERRITORIAL
DEVELOPMENT GENERAL ANDRIAMAHAZO ON JUNE 5 THAT IT WOULD COME
WITHIN TWO OR THREE DAYS FROM THEN. WITH TIME SLIPPING AWAY,

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EMBASSY IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DUBIOUS THAT NASA STATION AND

RELATED AID RAILROAD LOAN NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE CONCLUDED BY END FY-74, IF INDEED THEY ARE EVEN STARTED BEFORE THEN.

2. I PRODDED ANDRIAMAHAZO TO GET NEGOTIATIONS STARTED IN NOTE I SENT HIM ON PERSONAL MATTER AT BEGINNING OF LAST WEEK. HAVE ALSO TRIED FOUR TIMES IN PAST FEW DAYS TO REACH HIM BY TELEPHONE, AND KNOW FROM HIS MILITARY AIDE THAT MY DESIRE TO TALK TO HIM HAS GOTTEN THROUGH TO HIM.

3. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT ANDRIAMAHAZO IS TERRIBLY BUSY NOW (IN PART BECAUSE HE FILLED IN FOR HEAD OF GOVT RAMANANTSOA DURING LATTER'S ABSENCE LAST WEEK AT OAU MEETING IN SOMALIA), I SUSPECT HE MAY HAVE BECOME UNCERTAIN ABOUT DESIRABILITY FROM STANDPOINT INTRA-GOVERNMENT POLITICS OF RESUMING NASA STATION NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS TIME. UP TO MY JUNE 5 MEETING WITH HIM, HE HAD PRETTY CONSISTENTLY TAKEN LINE THAT WE SHOULD NOT PUSH NEGOTIATIONS OR SET ANY DEADLINES, AND THIS VIEW MAY HAVE AGAIN BECOME UPPERMOST IN HIS MIND.

4. ANDRIAMAHAZO HAS AT SAME TIME CONSISTENTLY ASSURED ME THAT NASA STATION WILL BE ABLE CONTINUE OPERATE. THEREFORE, UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR ME TO PUSH FURTHER TO TALK WITH HIM, THOUGH I SHALL OF COURSE DISCUSS SITUATION WITH HIM IF HE RETURNS MY TELEPHONE CALLS OR WHEN I SEE HIM.

5. IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT CONCLUDED BEFORE END FY-74, TWO MATTERS ARISE:

(A) SINCE I WAS TOLD BY CHARLES TAYLOR OF NASA THAT HIS AGENCY WOULD LIKE MAKE RENTAL PAYMENTS OF \$100,000 EACH FOR YEARS 1973 AND 1974 OUT OF FY-74 FUNDS, I WOULD PROPOSE THESE PAYMENTS BE MADE TO GOMR AGAINST WRITTEN RECEIPT, SPELLING OUT THAT THEY ARE FOR LEASE OF LAND FOR TWO YEARS IN QUESTION TO NASA FOR OPERATION OF STATION. SUCH RECEIPT WOULD IN ITSELF CONSITITUTE GOMR DOCUMENT, IN WRITING, SUPPORTING OPERATION OF STATION THROUGHOUT 1974. PLEASE CABLE PROMPTLY NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION FOR EFFECTING THESE RENTAL PAYMENTS.

(B) EMBASSY HAD BEEN OPERATING ON ASSUMPTION RAILROAD LOAN
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AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE CONCLUDED IN FY-74 TO ASSURE AID FUNDS FOR PROJECT, BUT ECONOMIC OFFICER BEACHNER WAS TOLD BY REDSO DIRECTOR HOGAN AT NAIROBI MEETING TWO WEEKS AGO THAT FY-74 FUNDS WERE OBLIGATED WHEN PROJECT WAS AUTHORIZED BY AID. THAT WOULD APPEAR TO TAKE HEAT OFF CONCLUSION OF RAILROAD LOAN NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE END FY-74. WE TRUST THIS IS CASE, AND THAT FY-74 FUNDS WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE IN FY-75 TO ENABLE CONCLUSION RAILROAD LOAN AGREEMENT. SINCE U.S. HAS LINKED RAILROAD LOAN WITH NASA

STATION EXTENSION, IT IS IMPORTANT TO FUTURE OF LATTER THAT WE BE
ABLE CARRY THROUGH WITH LOAN WHEN GOMR BECOMES READY TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS FOR BOTH. PLEASE CONFIRM PROMPTLY THAT THIS WILL BE CASE.
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